

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

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Property Name: Firehouse No. 2 (Bldg 443); NAS Patuxent River Inventory Number: ~~Contrib. Res.~~  
Address: Cedar Point Road Firehouse No. 2 (Bldg 443); NAS Patuxent River Historic district: yes ☒ no  
City: Patuxent River Zip Code: 20670 County: Saint Marys  
USGS Quadrangle(s): Solomons Island  
Property Owner: US Navy / Naval Air Station Patuxent River Tax Account ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tax Map Parcel Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Tax Map Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Project: \_\_\_\_\_ Agency: NAVY  
Agency Prepared By: The Louis Berger Group, Inc.  
Preparer's Name: M.H. Bowers Date Prepared: 4/1/2000  
Documentation is presented in: Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties records.  
Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: X Eligibility recommended \_\_\_\_\_ Eligibility not recommended  
Criteria: X A B X C D Considerations: A B C D E F G  
*Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:*  
Name of the District/Property: Patuxent River N.A.S.  
Inventory Number: SM-357 Eligible: X yes Listed: \_\_\_\_\_ yes  
Site visit by MHT Staf yes no Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

Building 443 is a brick and concrete fire station built in 1944. The firehouse is two stories tall with one-story wings and a central hose tower. Building 443 is representative of the station operational support facility property type and meets National Register Criteria A and C. Within the historic context "Naval Air Station, Patuxent River and Webster Field During World War II, 1941-1945," this fire station is significant for its role in the infrastructure of facilities that supported (and continue to support) the functioning of NAS Patuxent River. In terms of design, the building is distinctive within the NAS Patuxent River community in its employment (and retention) of International/Modern-style elements and functional symmetry in a utilitarian structure, which clearly represents its historical and current use.

See MIHP form for more information.

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW**

Eligibility recommended ☒ Eligibility not recommended \_\_\_\_\_  
Criteria: ☒ A B ☒ C D Considerations: A B C D E F G

**MHT Comments:**

Andrew Lewis  
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

B. Kuntz  
Reviewer, National Register Program

6/22/05  
Date

6/21/05  
Date

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## NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES REGISTRATION FORM

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

### 1. Name of Property

historic name Firehouse No. 2

other names/site number Building 443, Firehouse SM 357

### 2. Location

street & number Cedar Point Road, NAS Patuxent River not for publication ☐

city or town Patuxent River vicinity ☐

state Maryland code MD county St. Mary's code 037 zip code 20670

### 3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this ☐ nomination ☐ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property ☐ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant ☐ nationally ☐ statewide ☐ locally.

( ☐ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property ☐ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria.

( ☐ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

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Signature of commenting or other official

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau

#### 4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:

<input type="checkbox"/> entered in the National Register	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> See continuation sheet.	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> determined eligible for the National Register	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> See continuation sheet.	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> determined not eligible for the National Register	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> removed from the National Register	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> other (explain):	_____	

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of the Keeper

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Action

#### 5. Classification

##### Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply)

☐ private  
☐ public-local  
☐ public-State  
☒ public-Federal

##### Category of Property

(Check only one box)

☒ building(s)  
☐ district  
☐ site  
☐ structure  
☐ object

##### Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>1</u>	<u>      </u>	buildings
<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	sites
<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	structures
<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	Total

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Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: 0

Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

Naval Air Station Patuxent River, Maryland: Historic and Architectural Resources

## 6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Government

Sub: Fire Station

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Government

Sub: Fire Station

## 7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions):

Modern Movement/Moderne

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Concrete

roof Asphalt

walls Brick

other \_\_\_\_\_

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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## 8. Statement of Significance

### Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- ☒ A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- ☐ B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- ☒ C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- ☐ D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

### Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

- ☐ A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- ☐ B removed from its original location.
- ☐ C a birthplace or a grave.
- ☐ D a cemetery.
- ☐ E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- ☐ F a commemorative property.
- ☐ G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions):

Architecture

Military

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**Period of Significance**

1944

**Significant Dates**

1944

**Significant Person** (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

**Cultural Affiliation**

N/A

**Architect/Builder**

Whitman, Edmunds & White, Architects, Baltimore  
Victor Frenkil, Baltimore Contractors, Baltimore

**Narrative Statement of Significance** (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS)

- ☐ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
- ☐ previously listed in the National Register
- ☐ previously determined eligible by the National Register
- ☐ designated a National Historic Landmark
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ State Historic Preservation Office
- ☐ Other State agency
- ☒ Federal agency
- ☐ Local government
- ☐ University
- ☐ Other

Name of repository NAS Patuxent River, Maryland

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of Property: Less than one acre

UTM References (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
1	<u>18</u>	<u>373760</u>	<u>4236670</u>	3	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
2	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	4	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
<u>      </u> See continuation sheet.							

**Verbal Boundary Description** (Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

*See Continuation Sheet*

**Boundary Justification** (Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

*See Continuation Sheet*

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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name/title M.H. Bowers, Architectural Historian

organization The Louis Berger Group, Inc. date April 2000

street & number 100 Halsted St. telephone 973-678-1960

city or town East Orange state NJ zip code 07019

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## Additional Documentation

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(Submit the following items with the completed form:)

Continuation Sheets

Maps: A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs: Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional items (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

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**Property Owner**

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(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name Naval Air Station Patuxent River

street & number \_\_\_\_\_ telephone \_\_\_\_\_

city or town Patuxent River state MD zip code 20670

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Estimated Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18.1 hours per response including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Chief, Administrative Services Division, National Park Service, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127; and the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reductions Project (1024-0018), Washington, DC 20503.



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### DESCRIPTION SUMMARY

Building 443 is a brick and concrete fire station built in 1944. The firehouse is two stories tall with one-story wings and a central hose tower.

### GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The Naval Air Station's central fire station, Building 443, is prominently situated at the busy intersection of Cedar Point and Buse roads. The station was constructed in 1944, and a two-bay garage was added in 1996.

The firehouse features a two-story, nearly square central block with a symmetrical, three-bay principal facade. It is flanked to each side by one-story, one-bay wings extending the full depth of the building, and it is surmounted by a square hose tower. The station stands on a concrete slab foundation, and its exterior brick walls are trimmed with concrete. The brick walls of the wings feature recessed courses, creating a rusticated or streamlined effect. The flat roof of the central block is edged with a narrow concrete coping. The wings are covered with flat roofs with broadly extended eaves, the front fascia of which extend across the fire station's facade.

The dominant facade elements are the three wide engine bays, separated from one another by shaped concrete piers. Original wooden roll doors have been replaced by metal doors with narrow, lozenge-shaped lights. Tall openings centered in the front walls of each of the wings are fitted with modern 1/1 windows; space for a third, top sash has been sealed. The exposed side elevation of the west wing has two large square openings, which originally contained tall 2/2 windows with horizontal lights, but have been partially sealed to omit the top light. The present windows consist of a two-light sash with a glazed transom. At the second-story level, modern 1/1 windows are grouped in threes on the front and sides, and in pairs on the rear elevation. Again, original 2/2 windows with horizontal lights have been removed.

The hose tower is situated at the back of the station, with a pass door at the base sheltered by a concrete slab roof. The tower, with brick at the corners and concrete panels in the center of each elevation, is capped by a low wooden "belvedere" with a hipped roof. Louvered vents at the top of each tower wall provide natural ventilation.

The 1996 addition is connected to the east side of the fire station by a short brick hyphen just wide enough to accommodate a pass door. Although its vehicle bays, and thus its bay entrances, are higher than those of the original firehouse, this addition borrows the clean-lined rectilinear shape of the older building. The facade of the addition also displays a rusticated/streamlined treatment similar to that of the fire station.

The interior of the fire station is utilitarian in character. The entire central space on the first floor serves as a garage for fire engines and other apparatus. Offices are located in the west wing, and a lunchroom is located in the east wing. The second floor, accessed by a dogleg stair wrapped around the southwest corner of the tower base, contains sleeping areas for on-duty firefighters.

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### SIGNIFICANCE SUMMARY

Building 443 is representative of the station operational support facility property type and meets National Register Criteria A and C. Within the historic context *Naval Air Station, Patuxent River and Webster Field During World War II, 1941-1945*, this fire station is significant for its role in the infrastructure of facilities that supported (and continue to support) the functioning of NAS Patuxent River. In terms of design, the building is distinctive within the NAS Patuxent River community in its employment (and retention) of International/Moderne-style elements and functional symmetry in a utilitarian structure, which clearly represents its historical and current use. Although windows and engine bay doors have been replaced, and the interior finishes have been upgraded, the firehouse displays a high level of integrity with respect to design, workmanship, and materials. The 1996 two-bay addition to the east side incorporates brick and streamlining similar to the original firehouse. Furthermore, because the addition is set off by a small hyphen, it does not intrude upon the strongly symmetrical massing of the earlier building.

### RESOURCE HISTORY AND HISTORIC CONTEXT

Within the historic context *Naval Air Station, Patuxent River and Webster Field During World War II, 1941-1945*, Building 443 is one of three firehouses built at NAS Patuxent River during World War II as integral elements of the infrastructure required to support and safeguard this navy community. Firehouse No. 1 (originally Building 102, subsequently demolished) was strategically situated at the junction of Taxiway A, Cedar Point Road, and Millstone Road, convenient to the NATS facilities, Public Works and Supply area. Firehouse No. 2 (the subject of this nomination form) was built further west on Cedar Point Road, in relative proximity to administration and personnel support facilities, and to most of the Air Station's housing complexes. The third firehouse occupied the south end of the Operations Control Building (Building 103), debouching directly onto the airfield. The Air Station's Fire Department was part of its Intelligence and Security Department.

Building 443 was designed by the Baltimore architectural firm of Whiteman, Edmunds & White, and was one of four projects designed by this firm during the World War II construction of NAS Patuxent River. The others were Building 444 (Frank Knox School) and two married personnel housing complexes, Shepard Terrace and Carpenter Park. Buildings 443 and 444 were constructed in 1944 under Contract NOy-7389 by Victor Frenkil, operating as Baltimore Contractors.

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**MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA**

Geographic Organization: Western Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period(s): Modern Period

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s): Military

Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Suburban

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Military Facility

Known Design Source: Whitman, Edmunds & White, Architects, Baltimore

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**MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Louis Berger & Associates, Inc.

1999 *Naval Air Station, Patuxent River, Maryland, Historic and Architectural Resources*. National Register of Historic Places Multiple Property Documentation Form (draft final). Prepared for Naval Air Station Patuxent River, Maryland, by Louis Berger & Associates, Inc., East Orange, New Jersey.

Naval Historical Center

1945 *Naval Air Station Patuxent River, Command History, 1942-45*. Prepared October 1945. On file, Office of Naval Aviation History, Naval Historical Center, Washington Navy Yard, Washington, D.C.

U.S. Geological Survey

1987 *Solomons Island, MD. 7.5-Minute Series (Topographic) Quadrangle*. U.S. Geological Survey, Reston, Virginia.

**GEOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION**

Verbal Boundary Description

The National Register-eligible property consists of approximately one-half acre bounded to the north by Cedar Point Road and to the west by Buse Road. A paved parking lot marks the south and east edges of the eligible property.

Boundary Justification

The boundaries encompass Building 443 and a portion of its immediate setting, including all elements contributing to the significance of the property.

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The following items apply to all three photographs:

Property Name: Firehouse No. 2

Location: NAS Patuxent River, St. Mary's County, Maryland

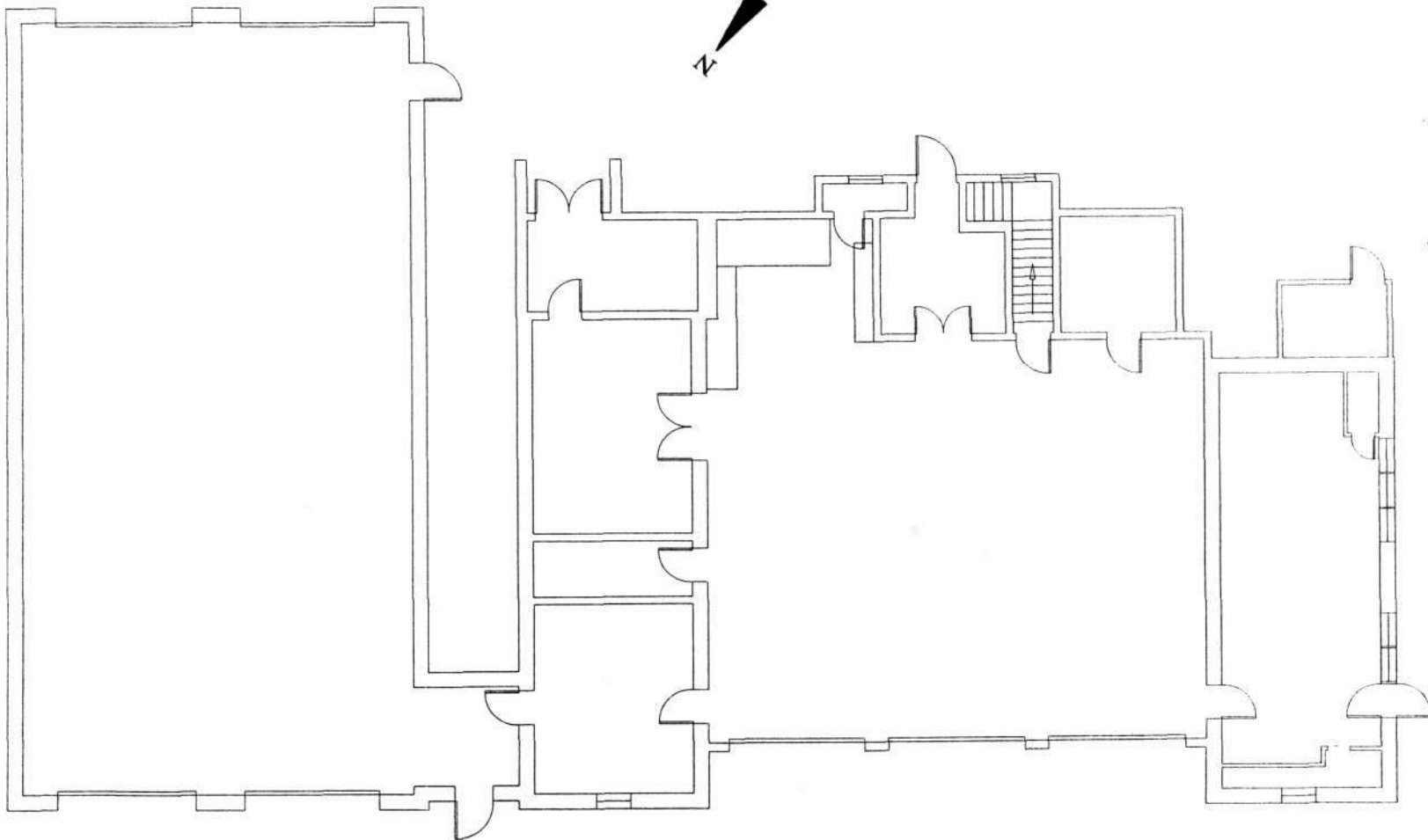
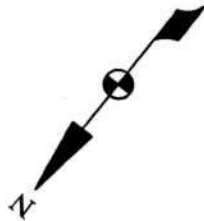
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Date of Photograph: 1999

Location of Negatives: NAS Patuxent River, Patuxent River, Maryland 20670

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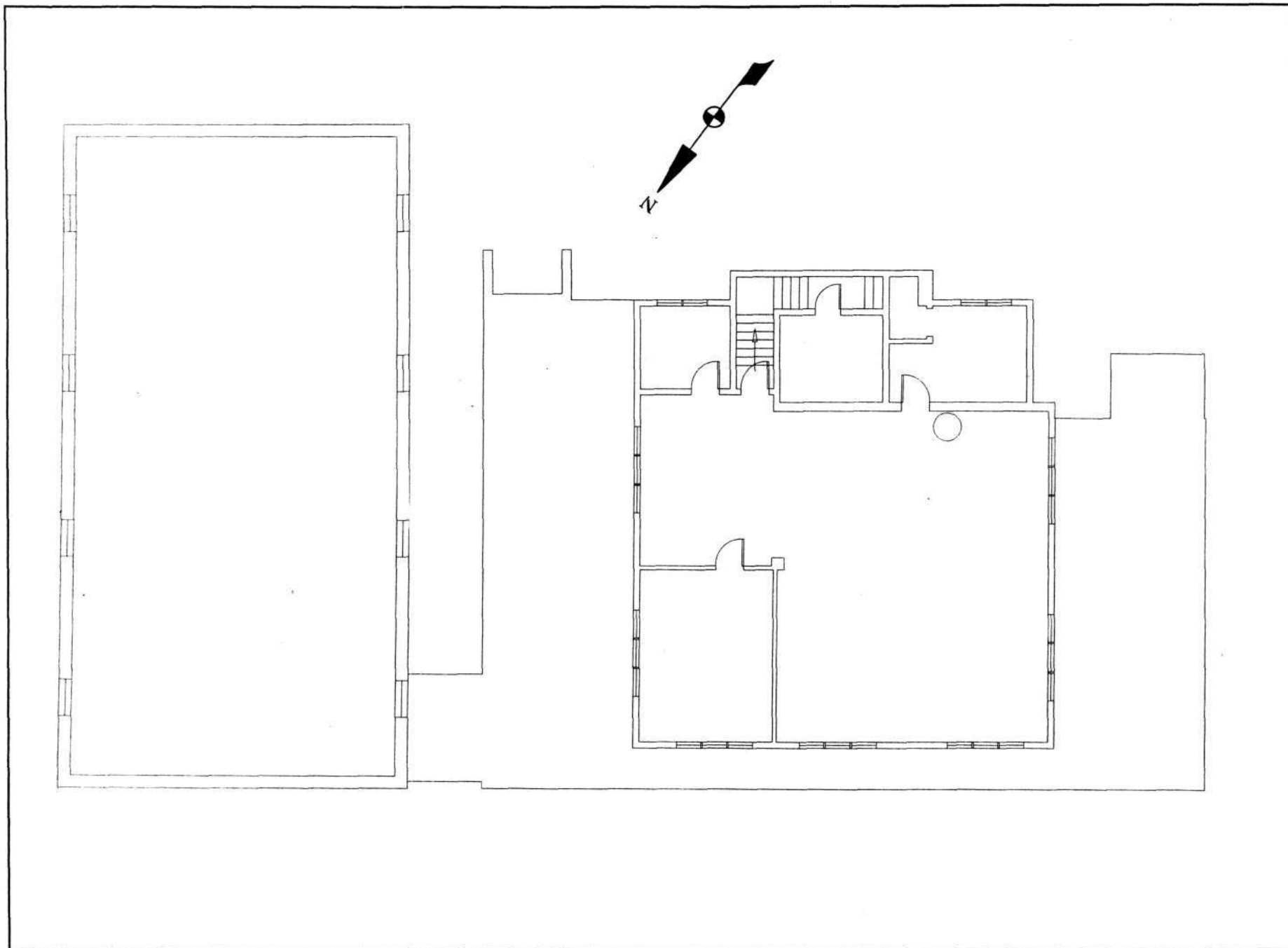
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- 2 View to northwest (rear elevation)
- 3 View to northeast (southwest elevation)



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Firehouse No. 2 (Building 443), First Floor Plan

SOURCE: NAS Patuxent River Public Works Dept. 1999



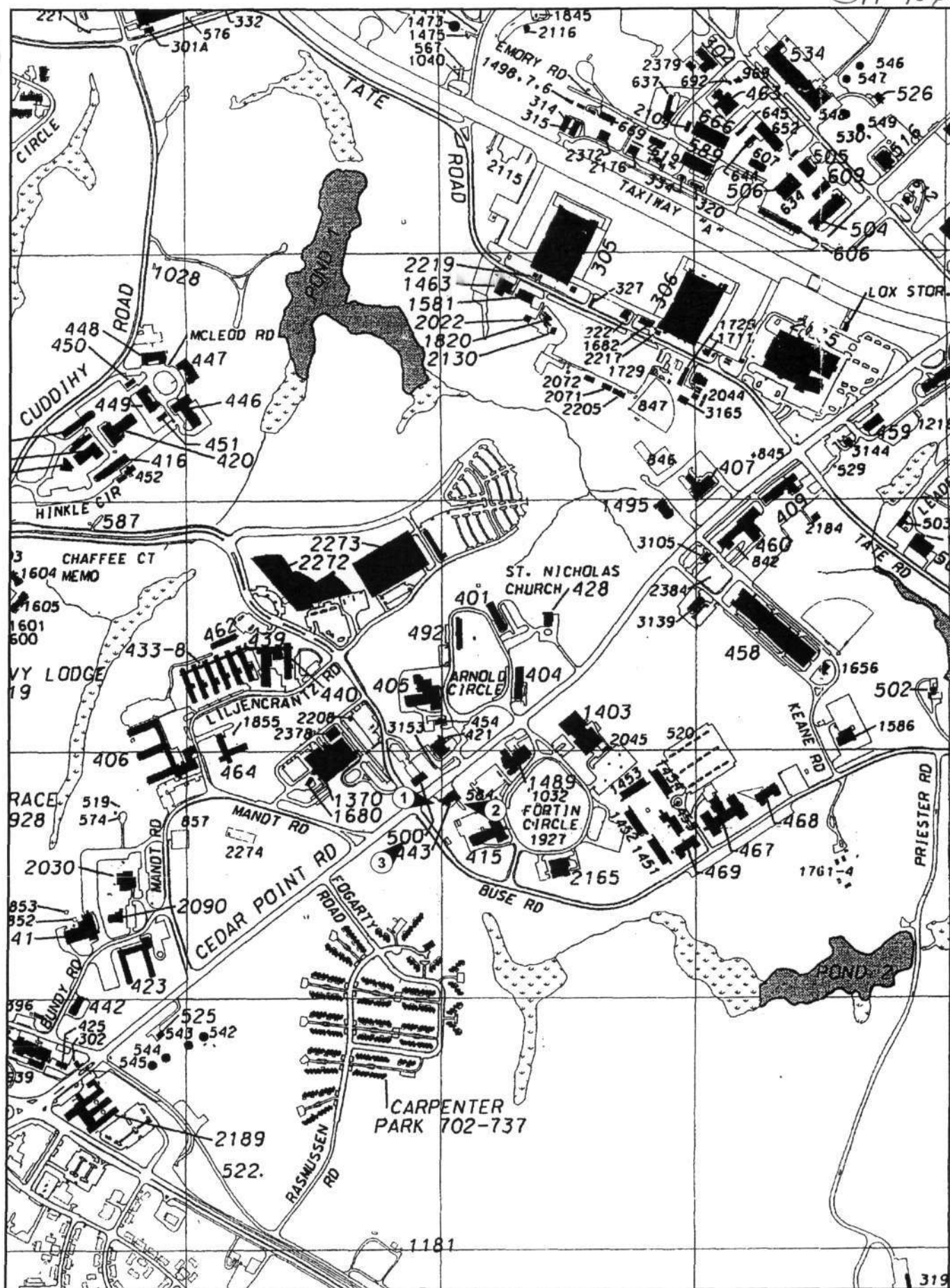
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Firehouse No. 2 (Building 443), Second Floor Plan

SOURCE: NAS Patuxent River Public Works Dept. 1999

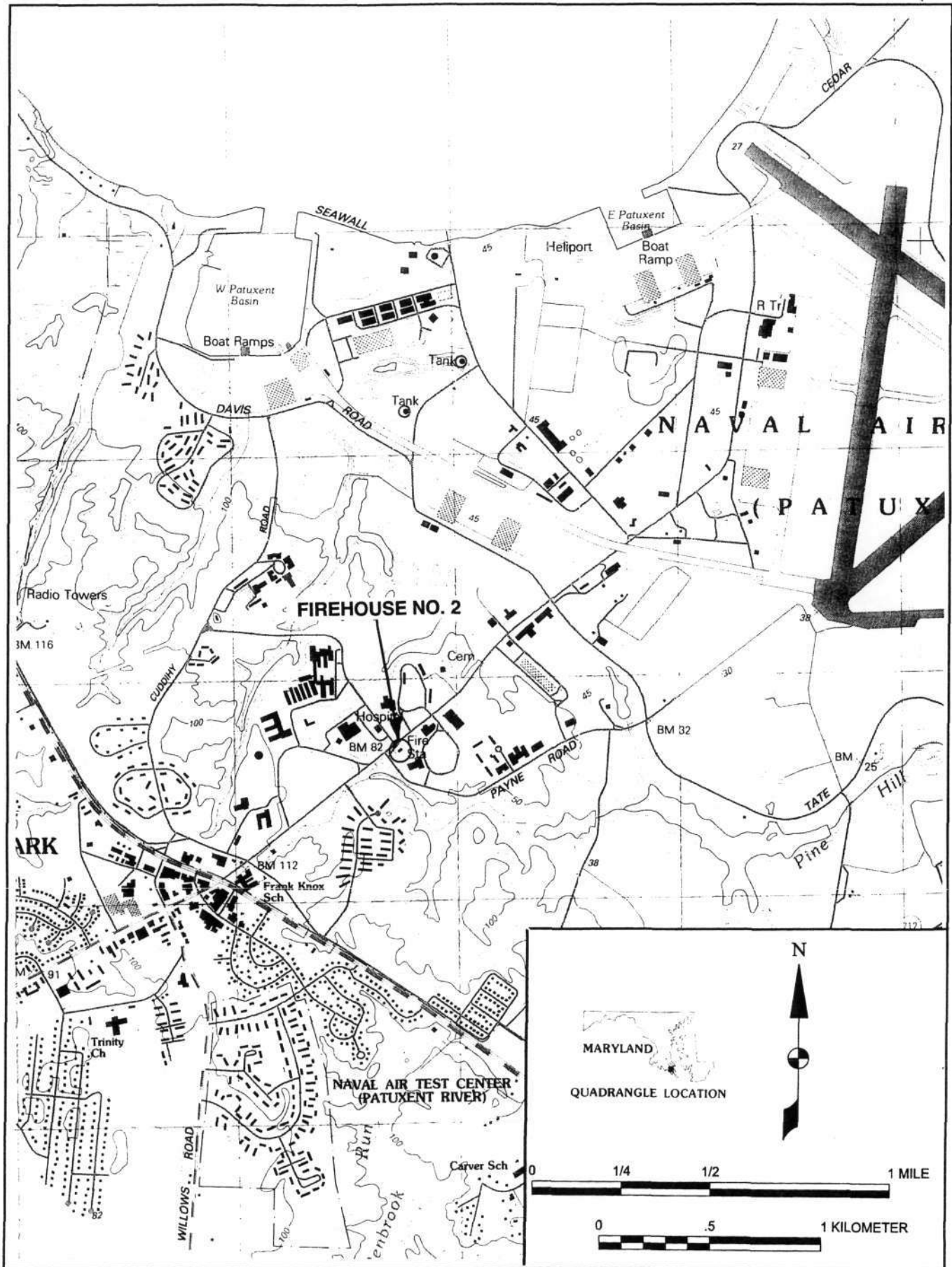


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**Location Map for Firehouse No. 2  
(Building 443)**

SOURCE: USGS Quadrangle, Solomons Island, MD 1987



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